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Applicant(s): K. NAKATA et al.

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RESPONSE - 37 CFR 1.111

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 MAIL STOP NON-FEE AMENDMENT

SIR:

This is responsive to the Office Action mailed March 17, 2004, the term for response to which expires on April 17, 2004.

ELECTION

Applicants hereby elect Invention I, claims 1-8 and 10-19, for further prosecution on the merits, without traverse.

It is respectfully requested that prosecution on the merits now proceed on the basis of the election set forth above.

It is respectfully submitted that this submission is fully responsive to the outstanding Office Action.

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Dated: March 30, 2004

In the event that this Paper is late filed, and the necessary petition for extension of time is not filed concurrently herewith, please consider this as a Petition for the requisite extension of time, and to the extent not tendered by check attached hereto, authorization to charge the extension fee to Account No. 06-1378.

If the Examiner has any comments, questions, objections or recommendations, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the telephone number given below for prompt action.

Respectfully submitted,

March 30, 2004

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